

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Compiled by  
J. Kolmer 1/19/44

Brief sketch of community or communities in field:

Ketchikan is the first point of call for all steamers entering Alaska after crossing the Canadian border. It has a population of about 5000 of all races. It is a town well equipped with fine public schools, a hospital with doctors ranking with the best in the U.S.A., two strong banks, stores, (carrying almost anything found in the States), adequate transportation and communication facilities. The headquarters of the United States Coast Guard and Lighthouse Service has been established in Ketchikan, and a large airbase is now under construction on Annette Island near Metlatkatla. These two factors have brought a great influx of army people to Ketchikan. The liquor situation is a grave problem. (Nov. 1942 re: James W. Hall)

Kind of people served:

Members of three main tribes of Alaskan natives, about 700, call this their home but only two or three hundred of them live in Ketchikan and so business there permanently. (Nov. 1942)

The following churches are located in this city: Methodist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, Christian Scientist, Church of Christ, Salvation Army, Ketchikan Gospel Tabernacle, Presbyterian and Alaska Evangelical Society. The hospital in Ketchikan is a Catholic institution which is patronized by the whole city. The Seventh Day Adventists maintain a school for the children of their church. (Nov. 1942)

A large and well equipped USO center is maintained. It provides a splendid social schedule and recreational program. However, there is little or no effort made to touch upon spiritual needs. And because of the denominations issue, a regular organized attempt may not be made by anyone outside of the organization. Efforts to interest the men by a coffee club--Sunday morning coffee and donuts in the building, thence to church--any church-- have failed. But very few at a time are given liberty or leave, thus there are never very many in town at one time. I have made contacts with as many men as possible, have had occasional small delegations at service, and fairly frequent callers from the armed forces. But all in all I regret to report that I do not feel that we, (Presby. Church), are a particularly vital force among the military men. One reason for this might be that the men have been given to feel by other sources that this is a "native church", and as such not suitable for them. This does seem to be the case, and is an effective barrier to some at least (Sept. 1942-James W. Hall)

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Kind of people served: (cont'd)

Regular services are held in Presby. Church and Sunday School of fifty teachers and scholars is carried on. In addition there is a Woman's Missionary Society and C.E. group and choir. The Church in Ketchikan serves the native population. Church membership is 88 and average weekly attendance is about 40. (Nov. 1942-James W. Hall)

Kind of ministry needed:

The greatest hindrance to the work, to the people themselves, is liquor. It is the bane of the Indian's existence. Its presence brings sorrow into the best of the families, and added trouble to even the worst. The chief task, then, as we see it, is, to the best of our ability, to provide other and wholesome interests for these our people and to aid in building spiritual foundations that temptation cannot shake. To this end our church building is open for some activity every night of the week except Thursday and ping pong tables, etc. are available at all times (Nov. 1941-James W. Hall)

We are not by any means weighted down or inordinately discouraged by all the difficulties due to present state of affairs. We accept them only to endeavor to go on the more strongly because of them. May we be so led that His strength and His spirit may be ours and our people's. (Sept. 1942-James W. Hall)

Statement and ownership of property, etc.:

The Ketchikan manse (title is held by the Board of National Missions) is located up over the church and the building is in good repair although it needs painting. The main auditorium of the church will seat 125 and when the folding doors of the S.S. rooms are opened a congregation of over 200 can be seated. The manse has eight rooms, bath and kitchen. The building was built in 1931 and cost \$10,000. Replacement value today would be \$20,000. The Board records show a value of \$9,000 for the church and manse. Land valued at \$3,000. (Nov. 1942-James W. Hall)

April 1943 fire in adjoining building (formerly Young American Laundry now the Coast Guard Laundry) caused slight damage to our building.

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

List of former ministers:

|                                   |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1935-36 (Ketchikan and<br>Saxman) | - The Rev. Geo. J. Beck (left sometime during year) |
|                                   | - The Rev. D.G. Christiansen                        |
| 1936-37 ( " " "                   | - The Rev. D. Christiansen                          |
| 1937-38 ( " " "                   | - The Rev. D. Christiansen                          |
| 1938-39 ( " " "                   | - " " " "                                           |
| 1939-40 (Ketchikan)               | - " " " " (quit 4-1-1940)                           |
| 1940-41 ( " )                     | - The Rev. George Beck (Saxman supply)              |
| 1941-42 "                         | - The Rev. James W. Hall                            |
| 1942-43 "                         | - " " " " "                                         |
| 1943-44 "                         | - " " " " "                                         |

Narrative Report:

Jan. 1942: The fishing season was at its height during the latter part of August. All that were able-bodied were working long hours, seven days a week trying to get as many fish as possible put up before the season closed

Mar. 1942: Observance of a Week of Prayer in the city of Ketchikan the first week of March. The church cooperated with others in holding union services throughout the week. Through the efforts of the ministerial association the various organizations in the city were induced to observe the week, which was heralded by the mayor's proclamation, and various ministers were invited to appear and lead them in meditation and prayer. All in all the attendance and the spirit created were most satisfactory.

Boyd's Club has been under way since the fall of 1941 but had not until March 1942 come into its own with election of officers, self-government, and new membership. The old-timers of Alaska have a highly respected "Pioneers" organization. These boys have taken their name, and are endeavoring to lead the way to more inclusive fellowship and higher ideals. They have their own private club room and are responsible for the care and maintenance of the gym and playground and S.S. room. While the club is directly sponsored by the Church, its members are not limited to it, but come from all churches, all streets and backways of Ketchikan; and for those who are not of any church there has begun a respect for the Church and a feeling of being at home within its doors. Thus begun—who shall say where it may end?

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Narrative Report: (cont'd)

Sept. 1942: Junior Choir has been organized, made up of the older children of the S.S. with some few additions from the Boy's Club. They sing for the Sunday morning service, and their's is a great addition to spirit of worship. They have their practice on Thursday nights followed by a game and play period for all. (James W. Hall)

Dec. 1942: We have a new radio station in town. It is well financed and we have many large programs. They have given 15 minutes every week-day evening to the Ministerial Association and as it works out I have 15 minutes every other week. Our program is well received, the men at the station said it was the best of the lot, and our attendance increased the following Sunday some of the increase directly traceable to the broadcast. Also because of it we can count on the program manager of the station and his wife to be here regularly. (James W. Hall)

SAXMAN, ALASKA

(supplied by Ketchikan, Alaska missionary)

Statement and ownership of property:

No building; land valued at \$50.-; station not served regularly (1941)

March 1942: Efforts are being made toward a new chapel at Saxman; but as yet we have found no one who will undertake to supervise the building or estimate the cost in the face of such rapidly rising prices.

Nov. 1942: Because of the war we have had to postpone any plans for the chapel there.

List of former ministers: (See Ketchikan, Alaska listings)

Narrative Report:

Nov. 1942: It has been a conscious omission that no work has been done in Saxman. A young woman is living there and doing fair work with the children. She is a member of the Assembly of God Church and is in part supported by a local church in California. A Salvation Army lay-worker still holds services there, and with his and these others which the young woman holds I personally do not see a place for more. Some of the Saxman people come here (Ketchikan) to church regularly. Most all of the people come to town several times a week for the show, and do all their other business here anyway. My feeling is that they might as well come here too church too, until such time as we may build a chapel there. So at present there will be no pledge from the church at Saxman.

JAN 24 1944

*Permanent  
File*

Box 46  
Ketchikan, Alaska  
January 17, 1944

Rev. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

In regard to the insurance collected for the repair of the fire damage, the bill for \$2185.06 which I sent in represented the total cost of the work which could be properly classed as fire repair. The estimate of \$2500.00 was given by both the contractor and the official Coast Guard Board as the estimated cost of repair. The actual cost was that given in the contractor's statement, \$2185.06.

In the course of the repair work, some other needed work was done. Some studding in the North wall was dry rotted, and was replaced. A new chimney was put in, and a new door cut in a room upstairs. Our walk in the front of the building was reaching the dangerous stage and it is at present being replaced by concrete and a dirt fill. The grant of \$300. is covering this work.

Painting of approximately half of the building was included in the insurance cost of repair. We have raised an additional \$200.00 to cover the painting of the rest of the building. This will be done as soon as weather permits.

This building could not be replaced at the present time for the sum of \$9000., the amount of the insurance covering it. The cost of replacement would be about \$15,000. Of course this is due to the wartime prices. But I doubt very much if it could ever be replaced as cheaply as it was built. It was constructed in 1931, and as you know, prices were extremely low at that time. At the request of Dr. King, this building was appraised two years ago. At that time its market value, on a term payment basis, was set at \$14,000. That of course included the lot. If it is your wish, I will have it appraised by a reputable insurance firm here, and have them send you a report.

In regard to the check for \$550.00: that amount is the full purchase price of the building we now have. The bank held a note for \$1850.00 against it, and had acquired clear title through a tax sale. The bank discounted \$1300. and sold us the building for \$550.00. With it went an insurance policy for \$1000.00, paid up through 1946. The building is 18 years old. It was built by volunteer labor, and the material cost alone was \$8000.00. To replace our facilities there would cost at least \$8000. now. I think any company would carry considerably more insurance on it than the \$1000. now carried. It

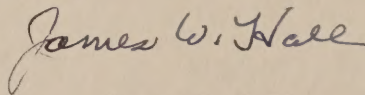
might be wise to have it appraised also. If you wish, we can ask for an appraisal of both buildings.

This building is to be used for a Presbyterian Community Recreation Center. It has been open and idle for some years. It is fundamentally in good condition, and our task is mostly one of redecorating and cleaning. All of the fixtures, lights, plumbing, etc. have been carried away through the years, and we are replacing them. We are doing the work on a volunteer basis, and are raising the funds here. I am hoping that we will be able to open on Feb. 1st. We are working from nine to twelve noon, four to six in the afternoon, and seven-thirty to eleven at night, six days a week. Three or four of us are doing most of the work with the help of several of the boys from our boys club. I have had a good deal of experience in this type of work in New Mexico, and it is serving well now. We have been electricians, we are now plumbers and carpenters, and soon we'll be interior decorators. We will have a fair-sized gym floor, club room, play room with ping-pong tables, table games etc., a library, large kitchen, a small devotional room, and showers. We hope to have it open six nights a week, and some afternoons. Our total cost of material will, I believe, be under \$400. and this will be handled locally. We are meeting a long recognized need, and are meeting with excellent community support and approval. We are able to get most of our material at cost, or a good discount, and some has been given outright. Scarcity of material, especially lumber, is perhaps our greatest difficulty.

At the request of the district commanding officer, I am now serving as Protestant Chaplain at the Coast Guard base here. The regular naval Chaplain will be gone until sometime in March. The Sunday morning services are held at the base at ten o'clock, the Coast Guard furnishes me quick transportation and we are back here in time for the eleven o'clock service. Some of the boys come to service at the base and then ride in and sing in our choir. It makes a satisfactory arrangement, and I am happy to be able to serve in this way.

We shall welcome your visit whenever you are able to come.

Sincerely,



James W. Hall

*Extra Copy*  
*Ketchikan Table*  
February 2, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. James W. Hall  
Ketchikan  
Alaska

My dear Mr. Hall:

Thank you for your frank letter of January seventeenth concerning the situation in Ketchikan. Even before your letter came, I sensed some of the conditions in the community which were revealed in your statement. All I can say is that we shall ask you to adhere to the Comity Plan in your ministry in Ketchikan but do not turn anyone away who wants to come to your Church. The fact that they come voluntarily is a tribute to the fine quality of ministry which you are giving to that Church and community. We highly commend you for the complete way in which you have given yourself to this work.

Dr. Dawber of the Home Missions Council is away at the present time but I shall see him in the near future and try to impress upon him further that you are acting in all fairness and Christian courtesy in your work. The same support will be given you when the Alaska Committee meets again on March eighteenth. We shall expect to stand by you in every way possible.

In regard to the insurance on our building there it may be possible that our Property Office will want to increase the amount of insurance. At present Miss Dawson is away and we cannot take up this matter further until she returns. It would seem wise, however, to increase the amount of insurance which we carry.

In the absence of Miss Dawson I have not yet been able to discover whether the \$2,185.06 from the insurance and the appropriation of \$300 has been forwarded to pay for the repair bills. Your letter seems to indicate that this matter has been completed. I shall check on this further when Miss Dawson returns to the office. We feel it ought to be completed as soon as possible.

It was a real pleasure to be in your home in Albuquerque several days last month and to share the fellowship with your Dad and Mother in Sunday School Missions work. Your Dad certainly has a large place in the hearts of our

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The Rev. James W. Hall  
Ketchikan, Alaska

February 2, 1944

Sunday School missionaries and is doing a very fine service. It would  
seem that you are "a chip off the old block".

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEL:PK

MAY 1 1944

MEMORANDUM

May 1, 1944

To: Dr. Jackman  
From: Miss Dawson

Re: Ketchikan, Alaska

On December 27, 1943 I sent you a memo (and a copy to Dr. Morse) with the following advice:

"We have collected ---- \$2,185.06 ----- in settlement of the fire loss claim in connection with the church at Ketchikan which was damaged by fire on April 8th. The money is on hand in the Treasury awaiting your disposition.

This claim is one concerning which the Board took action on November 11, 1943."

The Treasurer's office has made inquiry regarding this open account. Will you please notify them as to what disposition you wish made of the proceeds.

On January 3, 1944 I find that I sent you a memorandum as follows:

"On November 11, 1943, the Board took action to appropriate \$550 toward the purchase price of a building to provide additional facilities for the church at Alaska. It is my understanding that the building would cost \$1,850. This memorandum is to remind you that I have not received any instructions to effect insurance coverage for this building.

Further, \$300 was appropriated for additional repairs to the church building which was damaged last spring by fire. We are carrying \$9,000 insurance on the church and manse building. Is this insurance sufficient coverage?

"We should carry insurance up to at least 100% of replacement value."

I shall appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Hd*

Helen Dawson

May 3, 1944

Memorandum  
To - - Miss Helen Dawson  
From - The Rev. J. Earl Jackman  
Re: - Ketchikan, Alaska

We have never received a bill for the amount of the repairs on the Ketchikan Church which are covered in the item of \$2,185.06 which was received from the Insurance Company. We have written to the contractors telling them this money is available upon presentation of their bill.

\$300 was appropriated for additional repairs to the Church building and we are settling this bill with a check for \$299.09 which is the additional cost.

When Dr. Keeler was in Alaska he felt that \$9000 insurance on the Church and manse was not sufficient. This probably should be increased by approximately \$3000. The Church is in good condition and several improvements have been made upon it.

On November 11, 1943 the Board appropriated \$550 toward the purchase price of a building to provide additional program facilities for the Church. This building had been listed at \$1850 but was sold to us for \$550. The sale price included the insurance policy covering this building until 1946. We understand that the premium for this policy has been paid but we have no information concerning the location of the policy. If you desire to have us check up this matter with The Rev. Mr. Hall we shall be glad to do it. He is leaving there by July 1st and this matter should be completed before he leaves.

JES:PK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

*File  
Ketchikan Presbyterian Church*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEB:FK

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for Dr. E. King - Have you any suggestion to make?

*Helen Dawson*

LUKENS, SAVAGE & WASHBURN  
Insurance Brokers

New York

May 5th, 1943

Board of National Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Attention: Miss Dawson  
Re: Fire Loss - Ketchikan, Alaska  
Owned Property Schedule  
Entry No. 24 B

Dear Miss Dawson:

With further reference to the above claim, we are now in receipt of a letter from the Phoenix Insurance Company from which we quote as follows:-

"We have explored the adjusting facilities at Ketchikan and have found that it is extremely indefinite as to just when the services of an adjuster at that point could be had. Therefore, it seems to us that it will be quite in order for us to authorize repairs. We will accept liability based on the contractor's bill, subject to an agreed depreciation. Trusting that the foregoing will be sufficient for you to authorize immediate reconstruction -- adjustment of the claim to be completed upon receipt of detailed estimates, we are."

We are returning the pictures which you so kindly loaned us when reporting the loss.

5/7/43  
Sincerely yours,

Signed: Walter J. Hill  
LUKENS, SAVAGE & WASHBURN

WJH:MS  
Enc.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

MAY 11 1944

TO R. v. J. Earl Jackman  
FROM Miss Helen Dawson  
RE: Ketohikan, Alaska

DATE May 11, 1944

Thank you for your memorandum of May 3 regarding the above church. In accordance with your suggestion and recommendation of Dr. Keeler, I have increased the insurance to \$12,000.

Regarding the building which was purchased in November, 1943, I shall appreciate your obtaining particulars of the local insurance carried -- that is, amount and term. Perhaps you will want to find out also whether or not this insurance will be renewed locally, or whether Mr. Hall will wish to arrange for it under the Board's blanket policy.

Thank you for your cooperation in these important matters.

H. D.

Helen Dawson  
Insurance Department

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May 16, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. James W. Hall  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Jim:

Miss Dawson has reported to us that she has increased the insurance on the Church and manse from \$9,000 to \$12,000. This, of course, is taken care of here at the office.

She would like to have also full information concerning the insurance which you received on the recreation building at the time of purchase, with what company is it, who is the agent, how much does it cost, when does it expire, should it be renewed locally or should the Board include it when it expires on our blanket policy at reduced rate? We would appreciate all the information which you can get for us on this.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FE  
Dictated but not  
signed by Mr. Jackman

*Solo*  
*Ketchikan*

July 21, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Chaplain E. A. Pfrangle  
U.S. Coast Guard Base  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Chaplain Pfrangle:

We have received information through The Rev. James Hall that you had very kindly accepted to lead the services in our Church in Ketchikan during the summer. Mr. Hall has indicated that this arrangement has been made at least until September first.

We do not yet have any one definitely in view to take that Church so that the vacancy may continue even after September first. We are putting forth every effort to find a good minister who will give the right kind of leadership to the Church and recreation program.

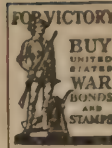
Meanwhile, we deeply appreciate your cooperation in being willing to help the Church and the community in leading the services.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEB:FX  
Dictated but not signed  
by Mr. Jackman

Lieut., R. A. Perangle, ChC, USNR  
Chaplain's Office  
USCG Base  
Ketchikan, Alaska



VIA AIR MAIL

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICE  
17th NAVAL DISTRICT  
REFER TO FILE:

Mr. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions

2 August, 1944

Mr. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.  
156 5th Avenue  
New York, 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 24, 1944. At least I can say that Sunday morning service of worship at the Ketchikan Presbyterian Church is being held regularly. For the month of August no Sunday School is being conducted due to the absence of the superintendent.

I find the work quite interesting but of course I am greatly limited in what I am able to do. It is impossible for me to make pastoral calls and attend to other such important activities. I do hope for the sake of the church that you will be able to send a pastor here soon. Jim Hall has done a wonderful job here but the church will suffer without a full time pastor.

I would appreciate it if you would have sent to me enough church bulletins so that we can mimeograph fifty for each Sunday. I believe that Jim had stopped his order for the bulletins before he left Ketchikan.

Sincerely yours,

*R. A. Perangle*  
R. A. PERANGLE  
Lieut., ChC, USNR

8/7/44  
ordered 250 assorted  
(5 designs) bulletins to  
be sent direct to  
Lt. Perangle from  
Boothbay.

*File  
Ketchikan  
Church  
Alaska*

August 7, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Lieut. E.A. Pfrangle, ChC, USNR  
Chaplains' Office  
USCG Base  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Chaplain Pfrangle:

Thank you for your letter of August second a copy of which is being forwarded to Mr. Jackman who is away from the office on vacation. He will be interested in its contents.

In the meantime we are having forwarded to you from our Bookstore, 250 copies of Church bulletins (fifty of five different cover designs) in accordance with your request. We trust these will reach you very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

August 17, 1944

My dear Mr. Jackman:

I think I should tell you that it is entirely possible that I shall not be located here very much longer and of course my leaving will leave the Church here without the services of any Minister. I make this known to you in order that you might have the facts in mind in securing the appointment of another man to this field of activity. The Church needs a minister who can devote his full time to the work.

Also, I might add that the ministers of the Lutheran and Episcopal Churches are leaving right soon. That will leave our friend the Methodist "parson", the Catholic priest and several "holiness" brethren on the field. A live wire Presbyterian Minister might be a good balance, and also look after the interest of his flock.

Hoping that for the sake of the work here you might be able to place a man here before long, I am,

Sincerely,

*R.A. Pfrangle*  
R.A. PFRANGLE,  
Lieut., ChC., USNR.

Mr. J. Earl Jackman,  
Unit of Alaska Work,  
Board of National Missions,  
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.,

*File*  
*Letter*  
August 27, 1944

Chaplain R.A. Pfrangle  
Box 6, Navy Post Office  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Chaplain Pfrangle:

Thank you for your recent letter about the possibility of your departure from Ketchikan. We regret to hear this from the standpoint of your help and service to our Church.

We have been working hard trying to get a good man for that Church but have not succeeded as yet. Ministers are scarce in our denomination since we have so many in the chaplaincy, and so many vacant Churches. We have no one in sight yet but plug away at it following every possibility hoping to have some one early in the Fall.

Meanwhile we appreciate greatly your kindness and help to the Church. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you and yours in your continued service.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

VIA AIRMAIL

*2/24*  
*Station*  
*Unit of Work*

September 21, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Clarence Dundar  
Ketosiken, Alaska

My dear Mr. Dundar:

I am sure you are wondering when we are going to be able to supply you with another minister. We have been working on this for sometime but have had no success as yet. We have a great scarcity of ministers in the States with about 2500 vacant Churches and it has been difficult for us to find a good minister for Alaskan service. We hope during this Fall to secure one for you. We shall notify you as early as possible about the new selection. Meanwhile, we want to encourage you to go forward in your program and do everything possible to continue your good work. Please express our deepest interest in your people and our hope that we may soon have a minister for you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

October 13, 1944

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Clarence Dunder  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Dunder:

We are happy to announce to you that we have secured a new minister for the Lutheran Church. The Rev. and Mrs. Edward D. Freeman and their two small daughters will leave Omaha, Nebraska in a few days now, visit their parents in northern Minnesota, and then start for Seattle in the hope that we will be able to secure transportation for them within a few days after the end of October and have them with you early during the month of November.

Mr. Freeman is a graduate of the Seminary of Omaha, Nebraska and has rendered a very acceptable service in one of the churches in that area. All the reports which I have been able to get about them and my visit with them lead me to believe that both of them are deeply consecrated to the cause of Christ and will render an effective service in Ketchikan. They have asked to go to Alaska and are anxious to arrive on the field and get started in the program. Mr. Freeman is quite interested in the work of the recreation building as well as the program in the Church. We trust that your people will give them the utmost cooperation for a very successful ministry following Mr. Hall.

During the coming year beginning November 1st, we are asking your congregation to contribute at least \$200 toward Mr. Freeman's salary in addition to the local expenses of the Church. This is in line with our policy of asking local congregations to contribute as much as possible toward the support of their minister. The simple fact is that we have more Church work to do in Alaska this year than we have funds with which to do it and your payments toward the support of your minister will assist us in your Church, and will make it possible for us to do more work in the rest of the territory. May we ask you to present this to your people and ask for their whole hearted support and cooperation? In addition to the payment of this part of the salary you would also be asked to pay 8% of it to the Board of Pensions as your part of the pension premiums for the minister. The Board will, of course, assume its part with you. Mr. Freeman will know how to adjust this in conference with you.

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Mr. Clarence Dandar

October 13, 1944

We trust that the relationship between your people and the new minister will be happy and cordial. We are vitally interested in the welfare of the Ketchikan people and want everything to move forward.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JES:FK

OCT 23 1944



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER  
THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT  
REFER TO FILE:

16 October 1944

Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, USA  
156 5th Avenue,  
New York City  
Attn: Rev. J. Earl Jackman

Dear Friend Jackman:

Several weeks ago I arrived in Ketchikan as the relief for Chaplain R. A. Pfrangle, USNR. Chaplain Pfrangle explained to me how he had been pinch-hitting at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday mornings in the absence of a regularly installed pastor. Inasmuch as I am also Presbyterian, I have followed his example and will continue to do what I can in the Church to keep it functioning.

However, you will realize that my first obligation is to the District Coast Guard Office and that anything that I do at the Church will necessarily be limited. The Church here on first observation seems to be holding its own very well. The community here with so many new civilian residents as well as military personnel offers a real opportunity to the Church to render a great service. Inasmuch as there are several other churches in this town without pastors this opportunity is further increased.

I am sure you realize how uncertain my tenure here is and I sincerely trust that it will be soon possible to have a regularly assigned pastor in the Church. In the meantime, I shall be more than willing to do what I can both for and in the Church.

The supply of bulletin forms which I believe in the past has been furnished by the Board is exhausted. A new supply will be appreciated.

Very cordially yours,

Clarence E. DAVISON  
Lt., ChC, USNR  
Box 6, Navy Post Office  
Ketchikan, Alaska

October 24, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Clarence E. Davison  
Lt., ChC, USNR  
Box 6, Navy Post Office  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Chaplain Davison:

Thank you for your letter of October sixteenth telling us that you are carrying on the services in the Church at Ketchikan. We had not received recent information concerning the change of personnel and have been wondering what was happening in our services there. We appreciate the fact that you have undertaken this ministry which Chaplain Pfrangle was carrying.

Recently we have appointed the Rev. Edward D. Freeman and his wife to service in Ketchikan. Transportation has been arranged for them for November thirteenth from Seattle north. They ought to arrive in Ketchikan about the sixteenth or seventeenth. We have written to the Church that they are arriving about the middle of November.

We have ordered the supply of bulletin forms which you have requested and hope they will arrive soon.

It is a real assurance to us to know that the Protestant Chaplain of the Coast Guard is helping us in these services and particularly that he is a Presbyterian who would naturally have a larger interest in our work. We are grateful for this service which you are giving us.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

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*Frederick*

October 31, 1944

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Clarence Dundar  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Dundar:

We have just received information that the Freeman's will sail from Seattle October 30th for Ketchikan. We are delighted because it will get them to you two weeks earlier than we expected. They will leave via the Alaska Steamship Company and we hope that some of your people will meet them, have the apartment ready, and do everything possible to welcome them and make them feel at home. We want your people to love them and we want them to love you so that this will be a happy relationship in the future ministry of your Church.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEW:FK

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*Ch. 201*  
Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

January 2, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Edward D. Freeman  
Box 46  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Ed:

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We appreciate the Christmas remembrance from you and the message which came with it. Your report through Verne Swanson has just arrived and we realize that you are putting up a great struggle in the midst of large difficulties.

I notice on the report that no mention of a salary was paid to you by the Church and you indicate on your Christmas message that there is a substantial balance in the treasury. We had written to Mr. Dundas asking the Church to underwrite your salary to the extent of \$200 as well as caring for the local expenses. If the offerings bring in a large amount we would urge your congregation to take an additional portion of your support. We are willing to take this up with your officers if you would rather have us do it.

Our salary arrangement with you was to be \$1800 and manse. \$1600 of this was to come from the Board and \$200 from the congregation. It is our hope that your Church may increase its portion of the support and we can say to you that for every \$100 increase toward your support which comes from the Church you will receive a salary benefit of \$50 and the Board will receive a benefit of \$50 in the deduction of our grant to you. In other words if the Church would contribute \$300 to your support you would then receive a salary of \$1850. If they contribute \$400 then you would receive a salary of \$1900. *P* *Y* We hope this will be possible because we want your salary increased before another year goes by. Again may we say we shall take this up with the congregation if you prefer it.

In spite of the discouragements we hope your work is progressing and you can already see some encouraging results.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
JEJ:FK

*Presby. Ch. Ketchikan Alaska*

FEB 21 1945

PUBLICITY LITERATURE

The work of the First Presbyterian Church in Ketchikan is bi-racial and is a missionary project of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. It is a fully organized church, with six native elders. There are three Indian tribes represented in the congregation: Tlingit (Klin-ket), Haida (Hi-da) and Tsimpshian (Simp-see-an). About two-thirds of the morning congregation is white, and about one-third native. About three-fourths of the evening congregation is native, and about one-fourth white. There is an occasional negro in the morning service. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is better than nine-tenths native. All services at the church are conducted in English, but at prayer meetings, prayers are frequently offered in the three native tongues, German, and English.

Ketchikan, the first Alaskan port, is almost as far west as it is north of Seattle, and standard time is one hour later. It is 757 miles from Seattle, and 50 miles from the Canadian border.

Ketchikan is a Tlingit Indian word meaning the "City under the Eagle." It was purchased from the Indians for a cannery site. Its prosperity is still mainly due to the fishing industry. A snug, protected harbor makes it an ideal mooring place for the more than 1500 fishing boats that make Ketchikan their home port. One of the largest halibut fleets in the world uses this as an outfitting point. It is also the center of a large salmon-trolling fleet. There are eight salmon canneries in the city, packing annually one-tenth of the world's salmon pack. More salmon is canned in Ketchikan than in any other city in the world. The two modern cold-storage plants have a combined storage capacity of 14,000,000 pounds and an ice capacity of 7,000,000 pounds.

There are five regular steamer lines furnishing the city year-around service for mail, freight and passengers. Regular air line service to adjacent communities is maintained. Regular wireless and long distance service to Seattle and other points is available. The Electric, Telephone, and Water facilities are all municipally owned, and are much cheaper in their rates than the average utilities in the States.

Mining, lumbering, fur farming, tourist trade, and the possibility of extensive pulp and paper manufacturing will keep Ketchikan one of the leading cities of southeastern Alaska.

The Church owns a large building in the center of the native section of town which is used for recreational purposes. This center fills a crying need for a worthy use of too much leisure time. An expanding program of club activities, handcraft classes, and worthwhile recreational activities is carried out in the center.

The greatest obstacle to Christian work in Ketchikan is liquor. There are close to one-hundred saloons and liquor stores in a city of a little over 6,000 people. Almost \$17. per person per week is spent here for liquor! The hold this evil has on many natives and whites is one that can be broken only by the power of God and through Christian teaching.

The work of the Presbyterian Church in Ketchikan is ever-expanding, and the Church is well on its way to becoming a self-supporting church. The possibilities for the work in Ketchikan are unlimited.

*Rev. Edward E. Thompson*

APR 23 1945

*Alaska*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
123 Stedman Street

Ketchikan, Alaska

Edward D. Freeman  
Minister

Clarence Dundas  
Clerk

To the members and friends of  
First Presbyterian Church:

The Lenten season and our Church year are rapidly drawing to a close.  
Your presence and service during the past year has been greatly appreciated.

We have several important things coming up in our church this week and  
we should like to have you consider this a personal invitation to attend each  
one of them.

On Wednesday, March 28, you are cordially invited to attend the annual  
congregational friendship dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets for adults are 75 cents and  
45 cents for children. Our annual congregational meeting in which our annual  
reports are made and we elect two elders, six deacons, and six trustees will be  
held at about 7:30 p.m. following the dinner. This is a family affair and we  
trust that every family will be well represented.

On Thursday, March 29, our choir, under the able direction of Cpl. Fred  
Kintzer, will present a sacred concert at 8:15 p.m. to be followed by Communion.  
It was on the Thursday before Easter that our Lord instituted this sacrament.  
In obedience to Him Who said, "This do in remembrance of me," all who love  
Christ are called to gather about their Lord's table on Thursday, March 29  
and recommit themselves to the unfinished task of His Eternal Kingdom.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, each one of you is cordially invited to particip-  
ate in each of the following services that have been planned especially for you:

At 6:30 a.m.--Easter sunrise service.

At 7:30 a.m.--Easter breakfast.

At 10:00 a.m.--Church School with classes for everyone from the three  
year olds in Mrs. John Dexter's nursery class to the grandmas and grandpas  
in Mrs. Louise Collier's adult Bible class.

At 11:00 a.m.--Divine Worship.

At 7:30 p.m.--Evening Prayer.

Before Presbytery meets at Hydaburg on April 11, we as a Church must have  
our application into the Board of National Missions for aid for the coming  
Church year. Before we can know how much to ask for, we must know how much of  
our needs we can raise ourselves, and then ask the Board for the balance. We  
cannot know much we can raise, until each member of the Church and congregation  
has made a pledge of what he expects to give to the Church this coming year.  
The more we can give to our local support, the more the Board will have to use  
in opening up new fields and supplying other fields with a more adequate ministry.  
Prayerfully consider this matter over, please, and then get in touch with your  
pastor at once.

Yours in the Master's service,

*Edward D. Freeman*

Pastor

*File*  
*Ch. Jones*  
*Ketchikan*  
Memorandum

May 21, 1945

To - - Miss Gertrude Vint

From - The Rev. J. Earl Jackman

Re: - Ketchikan, Alaska Insurance balance

When fire damaged the Church at Ketchikan we received \$2185.06 from the Insurance for the damage. This was used along with another appropriation of \$300 from the Board to repair the damage. Everything spent beyond these two amounts was raised and expended by the Church itself.

When the amount of the insurance was paid to the contractor that amount was taken from the Alaska Building and Equipment Fund instead of being taken from the amount available from the Insurance Company. Miss Dawson has informed us that the amount of the insurance is still being held and wants to know what to do with it. We would ask the Treasury Department to correct this error in the source of expenditure by transferring the amount of the insurance to the Alaska Building and Equipment Fund to cover the appropriation which was taken from that source to cover the repairs on the Church.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Airmailed from Ketchikan, Alaska - 5/22/46

Ketchikan, Alaska  
May 22, 1945

Board of Nat'l Missions of the  
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156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

In regards to your much appreciated letter concerning the sale of the building to us in which we are residing at the present time the procedure of the transaction is very clear to us as well as satisfactory. The deed will be made out to Leo Wm. and Bernedia B. Gibbons and our business is handled by the First National Bank here in Ketchikan. Thanking you again for your letter and if and when you visit Ketchikan again don't hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Leo Wm. Gibbons

Leo Wm. Gibbons  
Ketchikan, Alaska  
General Delivery

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Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

June 6, 1945

The Rev. Walter Getty, D.D.  
501 Witherspoon Building  
Philadelphia 77, Pa.

Dear Walter:

Miss Joerner has sent you the bill for the regular budget projects for Alaska and we want to bring another special one before the Committee for consideration.

When I was in Ketchikan I discovered that The Rev. Edward D. Freeman and his wife were having open house for the men from the Coast Guard station there. These men are dropping in every evening and there is a general open house for them on Sunday evenings after the evening service. I asked Mr. Freeman to tell me what it was costing them to render this service and he later sent me a report that they are spending about ten dollars in a very meagre way. This could be and should be enlarged. I would put in a request to the Committee for fifteen or twenty dollars a month preferably twenty dollars for this project.

A year ago there were 1200 men in the Coast Guard station but this trip I found about 700 there. This will be a permanent post for southeastern Alaska. Our Church is the first Church the men pass as they go from the post into the town. The number who respond to our program vary but they usually run about twenty or twenty-five of them in the Church services, and varying numbers from one up to ten will drop into the manse in the evenings during the week and as many as twenty or twenty-five come up to the manse which is on the second floor of the Church building for open house on Sunday evenings. This legitimate expenditure renders a great service and certainly ought to be allowed for this minister and his wife who are on a relatively small salary and cannot afford this extra expense themselves. We hope for a favorable response from you on this.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
JES:FK

October 16, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Clarence Dundas  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Dundas:

We are making arrangements for the salaries of our missionaries for the coming year and have come to the salary of Mr. Freeman. We feel that he ought to have an additional amount on account of the high cost of living in Ketchikan. The Freeman's have given themselves so completely to their ministry that they are deserving of additional support.

We have had so many calls for the service of our missionaries this year that we do not have the funds to do as much for each one as we have done in the past. The only way we can take care of this situation is to ask each local church to increase the amount of its support for its minister. Last year your church voluntarily came up to the amount of \$400. and we greatly appreciated it. This gave evidence of the fact that you were responding to the ministry of the Freeman's and wanted to do what you were able to do. This year we have set Mr. Freeman's salary at \$2100. and are asking the Church to increase its support to at least \$600. The Board will be responsible for the balance.

Your church has grown in numbers and strength since the coming of The Freeman's. As you grow in strength we feel you will want to take an increased amount of responsibility for the work of your Church and its minister. We earnestly hope that your people will decide to increase its support and go forward with us to larger things. We shall be looking for a letter from you indicating your action on this matter.

Please give the greetings of the Board of National Missions to your people and express our confidence in you because of the advance which you have made in the work of your Church in recent months.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
JEJ:FK

✓ Clarence Dundas has received no letter from you yet, he says. I gave you several other names last year, but if you have lost them, I can give you a complete list of names and addresses here now: →

Session

✓ Clarence Dundas, Clerk, General Delivery  
✓ Mrs. George Inman, Box 1127  
✓ Fred Wallace, Box 2407  
✓ Frank W. Williams, Box 2447  
✓ Joe Johnson, Box 1156  
✓ Charles Brown, Box 372

Diaconate

✓ Mrs. Frank Williams, Box 2447  
✓ John Brown, Box 2488  
✓ Mrs. John Brown, Box 2488  
✓ John Reese, General Delivery

Board of Trustees

✓ Mrs. Sixten Johanson, Chairman, Box 1197  
✓ William Burgess, Box 1077  
✓ Mrs. Robert Peihl, Box 1824  
✓ Clarence Dundas, General Delivery  
✓ Frank W. Williams, Box 2447  
✓ Joe Johnson, Box 1156

Ch. George Inman  
see with report \$50.17  
Nov. 4, 1945

see to  
1945-1946  
Nov. 4, 1945

November 26, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

To the Officers and Members  
of the Presbyterian Church  
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Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

CC: Mr. Clarence Dundas, Mrs. George Inman, Mr. Fred Wallace, Mr. Frank W. Williams, Mr. Joe Johnson, Mr. Charles Brown, Mrs. Alton Johnson

*Ketchikan*  
see 5/6/46 docket put thru by Keeler's  
office chgd to Post War Church and Manse  
Building Grant Fund for 8000.  
for Ketchikan manse purchase to be  
Board-owned. (noted 7/23/46)

MEMORANDUM

To - - Dr. Keeler  
From - Dr. Jackman

November 28, 1945

In Ketchikan we have a Church which is built on piling on the water front. The manse is an upstairs apartment in the Church building. There is no yard connected with the property.

We have as minister of this Church The Rev. Edward D. Freeman and his wife who have three small children. There is no yard in which the children can play. The neighborhood is bad and we need to move the family out of the Church building into a house.

In order to purchase a manse for the Ketchikan Church, we would ask for a grant of \$8000. from the Post War Church and Manse Building Fund. If we are going to keep a family in this place and expect the minister to do a good work we must make a more adequate provision for his family. In addition the upstairs rooms are needed for Church and Sunday school purposes. This is essential to the welfare of our work in Ketchikan.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

Excerpt from November 30, 1945 Board Minutes:

"In Ketchikan we have a Church which is built on piling on the water front. The manse is an upstairs apartment in the Church building. There is no yard connected with the property.

"It is recommended that a grant of \$8,000. be made from the Post-War Church and Manse Building Grant Fund for the purchase of a manse in Ketchikan, Alaska.

"It is understood that this will be Board owned property."

*Clarence E. Davison*  
**Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America**

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

November 29, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Chaplain Clarence E. Davison, USNR  
Box 6 - Navy Post Office  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Chaplain Davison:

Thank you for your letter of October 25th concerning the need for the expansion of our work in Alaska. We are glad to receive your observations and I have used your letter as a little pressure to get some results in the field toward which you have turned our attention.

Since being in this office I have been pushing for more adequate salaries for our missionaries in the Territory. We have not yet been able to get what I hope we may get but now we are in the midst of the meetings of the Board of National Missions and the Advisory Committee has given me reasonable hope to believe that we may be able to get at least a ten percent adjustment of our salaries for the ministers. We hope to get a little more at two or three different points. I told the Board this was not adequate for the situation and was the minimum which should be done. We hope this may be only one more step toward the more adequate support for the missionaries.

We are conscious of the need of expansion and I was able to get the Advisory Committee of the Board yesterday to approve a new project at Whittier. Now we have to get a man.

We do now desire to let Rolland Armstrong down. We know of his great need for help because I lived in the midst of it for a week. The fact is that we do not have enough qualified young people who have what it takes to go up there and do the kind of a job that needs to be done. We are still working on it and still hoping.

You are right again about our buildings. We do have some vision and hope about this thing and the new Church which is being built at Hoonah now is a step in that direction. We hope to get one or two new churches and manses each year which will give us a gradual program of development. Our difficulty is that there are so many needs on the mission field that the Board does not have resources to satisfy all of them. I can only hope to get Alaska's share of the total program of our Church.

We appreciate your interest and your devotion to the cause. Feel free to give us any help or suggestions which you can.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

*Ch. Soldier*  
*Ketchikan*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

December 13, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Edward D. Freeman  
Box #146  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Ed:

Glad to know that you have been able to get a washing machine for your wife. We are asking our Treasury Department for a check for \$91.45 to cover the cost and the shipping. We hope this new part of the household equipment of our Church at Ketchikan will relieve her of some burdens.

Thank you for giving us the fruit of the discussion in your Session meeting about the recreation building. Just recently in discussing this same problem with someone here in the office I said I considered the recreation building in Ketchikan a white elephant unless we could do something about the development of a program. I see no possibility now of getting the Board to supply a full time community worker to supervise the program of community activities in the building. Lacking this I have another suggestion to make. Suppose we consider the possibility of buying a manse for the minister and his family and clearing out the upstairs rooms in the Church building for recreational purposes. Then we would sell the present building. The rooms upstairs, of course, would not be adequate for a program which would necessitate a large room such as there is in the present recreational building, but, on the other hand, it would give you a facility in your Church building where you could keep this program under closer control of the Church. You might also have an easier time getting some of your adult people to volunteer their time for young people's work. This suggestion might ease several problems in connection with your work at Ketchikan but I would be glad to have your immediate reaction concerning it.

We have been thinking of your heavy obligations in connections with your ministry in Ketchikan and I have been trying to get some financial relief for you so that you could take care of these things in an easier fashion. At the recent meeting of the Board they made available to us a small amount of money for adjustments in salaries in

December 13, 1945

a few of our places in Alaska. You will have the benefit of that salary adjustment.

Because of the large amount of entertaining which you are called upon to do, we feel that special consideration ought to be given to the salary of the minister at Ketchikan. Incidentally, the efficient work of the present pastor has something to do with this adjustment also. The proposal is to make your salary \$2000. as a basic minimum and add to it the sum of \$400.- on account of the high cost of living in Alaska. Of this amount we continue to have the expectation that your Church may pay \$600. of this amount. We hope that this has been considered by the officers of the Church and they have taken action on it by this time. We regret that our first letter did not reach Mr. Dundas but now sent the same letter to all of the officers of whom we have record here in the office. May I emphasize the fact that this advance because of the high cost of living does not change our basic need to have the Church take this amount toward the total salary. This extra salary which is coming is not a part of the regular budget but is by special action of the Board. We still have the same pressing need to have your Church take the full amount which we have requested and the full payment of the \$2400. will depend upon their favorable action to this end. I would prefer that we should not say anything outside to others about this adjustment for the present. The action is taken in recognition of your need and your fine service.

In addition to the salary adjustment, I may say that the matter of a manse for your family is pretty well assured in the near future. The rest of the above suggested program is simply tacked on in the hope of solving some other problems at the same time. We shall ask that you keep this matter to yourself also but you might be looking around for a possible house in Ketchikan. With building prices as they are now, it seems more profitable to purchase something which is already built rather than to try to build anew. The way may be clear for us to do something definite on this when I come up for the Presbyterian meeting in April.

These two items are enough for good Christmas news for the Freeman Family. We shall work out the details of them as soon as possible.

Kindest regards to all of you and best wishes for a happy Christmas!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JBJ:FK

Dictated but not  
signed by Dr. Jackman

FEB 1 1946

Box 46  
Ketchikan, Alaska  
January 29, 1946

The Reverend J. Earl Jackman  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
Presbyterian Board of National Missions  
Room #711, 156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

*Letter  
C-100*

The Coast Guard station at Ketchikan has just closed. The Coast Guard has gone back under the treasury department, instead of being under the Navy, and as all the chaplains are Navy personnel, all chaplains have been returned to the Navy, and there are no more chaplains in the Coast Guard. However, the Coast Guard base in Ketchikan is a permanent base, employing between 700 and 800 men. At present there are between 400 and 500 Coast Guardsmen and Spers on the base here. The rest of the base are civilians. Eventually all the actual work at the base will be done by civilians, but the boats and light stations will be manned by Coast Guardsmen.

Ketchikan is the headquarters of the 17th Naval District and has the District Coast Guard Offices. The shops that make and repair buoys and lights, and repair buoy tenders and light tenders are all here in Ketchikan.

We still have quite a few servicemen and Spers in services. In fact, right now with no chaplain at the base, we have more service personnel in our services on the average than formerly. We still invite all the servicemen in service to come upstairs after services. We don't have the steady customers that we used to have, as most of those that have been in a long time are most concerned right now with getting discharged, and much of the Coast Guard personnel now is a floating group. They are going further north or out on the chain or are on their way south for discharge. They drop in for Sunday Services while in town, but we don't have very many during the week. We have a few fellows on boats who know us quite well and drop in every time the boats are in, but not many of those who are actually on the base come in except on Sundays or by special invitation.

Besides, the Coast Guard, we still have a small group of soldiers who run the Alaska Communications System stationed here in Ketchikan.

Respectfully yours,

*Edward D. Freeman*

Edward D. Freeman

ALASKA

PERM. FILE

Re: Ketchikan, Alaska - Recreation Building  
Excerpt from November 1943 Board Minutes

"National Missions Building Items - Alaska

Requests covering the following emergency property needs in Alaska have been received from Dr. Willis R. Booth, Chairman of the National Missions Committee of the Presbytery of Alaska and Leslie Yaw, Moderator of the Presbytery and are recommended by Dr. A.B. Keeler who personally inspected each of these properties:

Ketchikan - to purchase a building which is needed to provide additional facilities for the church.....\$550.-

(a substantial building costing originally \$8,000. is available for the sum of \$1850. and the owners are willing to make a gift of \$1,300.)"

~~To complete repairs on the original church building - above the \$2,500. of insurance money available --~~

"Excerpt from April 1944 Minutes of Board:

National Missions Building and Repairs:

Ketchikan - Paint recreation building .....\$300.-

FK  
Noted 2-25-1946

*Ketchikan*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

February 26, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Edward D. Freeman  
Box 46  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Ed:

Your letter of February 19th in regard to the recreation building in Ketchikan follows along our thinking. I have a feeling that we should not retain this building because we are not able to provide for a worker to conduct the program there. If we can within a reasonable time take care of a manse for you and your family, I believe we could carry on a partial recreational program in the second floor of the present church building. Also your suggestion for a relocation of the Church, or rather, another church for a white congregation in Ketchikan using our present building for a mission program and recreation program where it is needed is in line with my thinking. We will not be able to do anything yet about it so we must keep quiet for the present. It will have to go through comity here in the Alaska Committee and then be put on the list of hopefuls for an appropriation for a new church building. However, it is definitely a part of a long range plan for Ketchikan.

We have an investment of a little less than \$1,000. in it, not counting labor which has been expended. It cost \$8,000. to build and was valued at \$1850. when we purchased it. I has been improved during our ownership.

I would suggest that you seek an impartial appraisal of the building and suggest to us a price somewhere between the highest commercial appraisal and our investment in it. Then we can talk in definite terms to this recreational group about selling it to them. All of these negotiations will have to be unofficial until such time as we can have the appropriate action here at the Board. If we have a full report on this, I can get it before the Cabinet meeting on March 12th and action by the Board on March 21st. I expect to leave for Alaska about March 22nd.

In my trip I am planning to be in Ketchikan for one or two days. There are many plans which we need to talk about when I come.

Cordially yours,

Walter Jackson, Secretary

JBJ:FK

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

February 28, 1946

The Rev. Walter Getty  
501 Witherspoon Building  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Walter:

We have heard from Ed Freeman in Ketchikan in regard to the Coast Guard Station there. We discover it has been transferred from the Navy back to the Treasury Department and has not been closed at all but is still operating. In this transfer there will be no Navy Chaplain settled in that particular place.

Ketchikan is the headquarters of the 17th Naval District and has the District Coast Guard offices. So long as these stay there, there will be employed in the neighborhood of 700 or 800 men, many of them civilians. This means of course there will be no Chaplain service and our responsibility for some ministry to these people will be greater than ever. In the scurry to get home not so many of these people are coming into the Church but they are still coming and Mr. Freeman is still in need of his program allowance.

I am going up to Alaska again in April and will be in Ketchikan. We shall investigate this situation and will give you more information on it later.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JBJ:FK

# ALASKA

## PERM. FILE

Copy - Excerpt from Narrative July 1945 Report

Ketchikan - Teen Town Perm. File

✓ "Teen Town, our recreation center, had its formal opening Friday, June 29 with 150 young people between the ages of 13-19 in attendance. Governor Gruening and Mayor Pedersen participated in the program, part of which was broadcast over KTKN from ten to ten thirty p.m. The broadcast was paid for by several local merchants. While the teen-ages danced to a six piece Coast Guard Orchestra ten Teen-Town officials escorted townsfolk through the various club-rooms, pointing out the highlights. A large white cake, decorated in pink and blue icing, and punch were served guests at eleven. Teen-Town temporary officers have drafted a town Charter to be presented to a Teen-Town meeting Monday, July 16.

*Ketchikan Board Book*

Excerpt from November 1945 Minutes of Board: (Page 4 Building Aid)

Ketchikan, Alaska

"In Ketchikan, we have a Church which is built on piling on the water front. The manse is an upstairs apartment in the Church Building. There is no yard connected with the property.

"It is recommended that a grant of \$8,000. be made from the Post-War Church and Manse Building Grant Fund for the purchase of a manse in Ketchikan, Alaska.

"It is understood that this will be Board owned property."

noted 4/4/46  
per FK

*Ketchikan, Alaska*  
NIGHT LETTER

May 9, 1946

The Rev. Edward Freeman  
Box 46  
Ketchikan, Alaska

ACCEPT BID OF \$1500. GET NAME OF BUYER TO BE  
ENTERED ON DEED. ANOTHER LETTER FOLLOWS.

J. EARL JACKMAN

May 15, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Leo W. Gibbons  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Gibbons:

We have received a letter from the Rev. Edward Freeman indicating that you have made a bid of \$1500. for the building in which you are living and your wife is conducting the nursery school. At its last meeting our Board voted to sell the building and we are now ready to accept your bid for a cash sale.

Our Board would follow its usual procedure in the sale of properties. The deed would be made out on the regular form which carries no warranty clause but does convey the property in total to the purchaser. You should indicate the name or names of the persons to whose ownership the Board should make out the deed in the transfer of the property. When the deed has been prepared the Board will forward it to a bank in Ketchikan which you shall name, you would be notified when it arrives, and it will be there for you to receive when the cash settlement is made through the bank with the Board.

It is understood that when the transfer of the property is made the Board will cancel the insurance which it carries on the property and you will be expected to cover it for your own responsibility with insurance. It is understood that if the building should be destroyed by fire prior to its transfer to you the Board will be under no obligation to rebuild the building and make it available for you for purchase at the price of your bid.

Usually all of these things are stated in a contract of sale between the Board and the purchaser but since the distance is so great we are stating these in this letter as conditions of the sale.

*Ketchikan*  
**ALASKA**  
**PERM. FILE**

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*Ketchikan file*  
Mr. Tribus  
Dr. Jackman

ALASKA  
PERM. FILE

June 3, 1946

We are sending you a copy of our letter to Mr. Gibbons in Ketchikan who has made the bid of \$1500. for the purchase of our recreation building there. Attached to this letter is a response from him indicating the names of the new owners to be included in the deed of transfer and the bank where the deed is to be deposited.

We understand that everything is now ready for you to proceed with the transfer of this property. The purchase price when received is to be added to the Alaska Building and Equipment Fund of our Board. We shall be glad to be kept informed concerning the progress of this matter and are ready to give any assistance needed. At the meeting of the Board on April 25, 1946 the Board approved the sale of this property for a price not less than \$900. Those who are purchasing it consider it worth the above amount to them and are willing to pay that for it.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary

JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska

Att: 2 letters (one to Mr. Gibbons dated 5/15/46; one from Mr. Gibbons dated 5/22/46)

Dictated by Dr. Jackman but signed in his absence.

*Ketchikan*

NIGHT LETTER

June 13, 1946

Mr. Leo W. Gibbons  
Ketchikan, Alaska

DEED PREPARED AWAITING SIGNATURES OF OFFICERS ON  
VACATION. WILL BE FORWARDED TO BANK WHEN SIGNED.

J. EARL JACKMAN

JUN 24 1946

June 21, 1946.

REGISTERED MAIL

Re: Ketchikan, Alaska Prop.

First National Bank of Ketchikan,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. Leo Wm. Gibbons of Ketchikan, Alaska, we are sending you herewith deed to certain property in Ketchikan described therein, to be held by you in escrow.

This deed may be delivered to Mr. Leo Wm. Gibbons, or his nominee, upon payment of \$1500.00 net for our account. Upon payment of this sum, please send us your cashier's check for same made payable to the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

In the event payment is not made by August 1, 1946, kindly return the deed to us.

We will appreciate your acknowledging receipt of these instructions by signing and returning to us the carbon copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Lucien H. Tribus  
Asst. General Counsel

MT

C.C. to Mr. Leo Wm. Gibbons,  
Gen'l Delivery,  
Ketchikan, Alaska.

*cc. Policy Ketchikan  
Correction Bldg*

7-25-1946 per <sup>phone</sup>~~verbal~~ inf. from Mr. Tribus' office

7-19-1946 letter received from Mr. Murkowski, First National Bank, Ketchikan, Alaska asking for new deed and this matter is pending Mr. Tribus return from vacation the latter part of August or after Labor Day.

Mr. Tribus' office acknowledged this to Mr. Murkowski in the absence of the office secretary.

FK

*Ketchikan, Alaska*

October 7, 1946

The following letter was sent to Mr. Clarence Dundas; Mrs. George Inman; Mr. Fred Walla oo; Mr. Mike Punner; and Mrs. Alice Reece.

*original form  
letter in this place  
see book for copy*

600.-  
The Rev. Edward D. Freeman.

P.S. We have enclosed a Repair Estimate Blank in Mr. Clarence Dundas' letter for completion by your Church officers.

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

September 27, 1946

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Francois M. Wilson  
Box 764  
331 Front Street  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your offer of assistance to us in the development of our new churches in Alaska. We appreciate the offer and your interest in it and at some future time we might be able to use your services.

Mr. Harold Foss of Juneau did the work on our new Church at Hoonah and we have an architect here in New York who has done the work on the new Church for St. Lawrence Island. How soon Petersburg will come up for a new building we cannot tell.

We shall keep you in mind for future reference.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska

JED:FA

Dictated by Dr. Jackman  
but signed in his absence

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

April 24, 1947

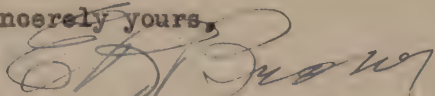
Dr. Mark A. Dawber, Secretary  
Home Missions Council  
297 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

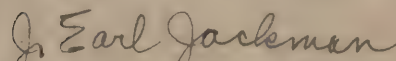
Dear Dr. Dawber:

After a personal visit to Ketchikan, Alaska and a study of the population and church situation there, we unite in making the following statement to the Alaska Committee of the Home Missions Council and recommend that it be the action of the Committee:

1. It is our judgement that the conditions which brought about the old comity agreement for the Methodists to minister only to Whites and the Presbyterians only to Natives in Ketchikan no longer exist.
2. We recognize that the community has grown to such an extent that the Methodist and Presbyterian churches should be free to serve all the people of the community who desire to participate in the program and unite with either fellowship.
3. We recognize the fine cooperation which the Rev. Arthur Cox of the Methodist Church and the Rev. Edward Freeman of the Presbyterian Church have developed in recognizing the ministry of each church and urging people to enter the fellowship of one or the other of these churches where they will be at home for worship and service. We recommend this type of cooperation as the future policy of both churches.

Sincerely yours,

  
Earl R. Brown, Executive Secretary  
Board of Home Missions and Church Extension  
The Methodist Episcopal Church

  
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
Board of National Missions  
Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

JEJ:FK

*Ketchikan Alaska*  
**ALASKA**  
**PERM. FILE**

**MAY 2 1947**

**BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION  
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH**

150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS AND  
CHURCH EXTENSION

May 1 1947

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Earl:

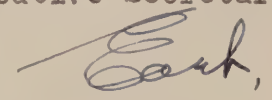
I find the wording of your agreement regarding Ketchikan quite satisfactory. I think it is clear and simple.

I am signing and enclosing the two copies which you suggest.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Earl R. Brown  
Executive Secretary



ERB:bb  
enclosure

11/14/1948 Dr. Jackman wrote in letter: - -

"In connection with Ketchikan find out where the \$500. came from which was used to purchase the Recreation Building in the fall of 1943 or spring of 1944. That money may have to be taken out of the \$1500. and returned to Building Aid Funds. We will then ask for permission to use the balance for the enlargement of the Church. I'll want this information cleared for Cabinet on the 22nd A.M."

Orig. amount for purchase of building(\$500.) was taken from the Alaska Building and Equipment Fund."

*Ketchikan*  
MEMORANDUM

ALASKA  
PERM. FILL  
April 9, 1946

To - - Cabinet of Missionary Operation  
From - Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
Re: - Ketchikan, Alaska

In November 1943 the Board authorized the purchase of a Recreation Building in Ketchikan for the sum of \$550. The building is needed for this purpose but has not been used very much for lack of supervision. The minister is too busy to supervise it adequately, there is no money in the budget for another worker, and the building is deteriorating rapidly. The Unit of Work in Alaska would recommend that the building be sold for a sum not less than \$900. and that the proper officers of the Board be authorized to sign the necessary papers. Since the purchase price was taken from the Alaska Building and Equipment Fund, it is recommended that the sale price be returned to the same fund.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Unit of Work in Alaska  
JEJ:FK

PER April 25, 1946 Minutes of Board (Page 2 Section I of M.O.):

"C.M.O. and Administrative Council Recommended:

That the Recreation Building in Ketchikan, Alaska purchased in 1943 for \$500. and which it is not now possible to use effectively, be sold for not less than \$900; and  
That the proper officers of the Board be authorized to sign the necessary papers; and  
That the amount received from the sale be credited to the Alaska Building and Equipment Fund from which the purchase price was taken."

May 11, 1950

Miss Arabell Heard  
Box 1348  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Miss Heard:

Information has just come to us from Mr. Freeman that you have been elected clerk of the session, Mr. Hyde is the Treasurer of the church, and Mrs. Dudley is to check up on the church and manse. We understand that Mr. Freeman has made arrangements for the Rev. George Beck to lead the services until our summer student can arrive upon the field, which we hope will be by Sunday, June 11. We have asked him to notify you the time of his arrival. He will probably be coming up with the Rev. Varne Swanson about this time.

The summer student is Mr. Stanley D. Webster, a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, California, who has just finished his <sup>first</sup> year at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. His pastor, Dr. Louis Evans, and his seminary professors all recommend him as a very fine young man. He has not had as much experience in church work as we would like <sup>him</sup> to have had, but it is quite possible that his quality of character may overcome this other handicap. Since we were not able to find an ordained minister to replace Mr. Freeman when he left, we have asked Mr. Webster to serve during the summer.

The church has been paying Mr. Freeman \$75 a month as the church's portion of his salary. Beginning on the 1st of June, we shall take this responsibility toward Mr. Freeman, and will ask the church to pay the same amount to Mr. Webster as your part of his support during the summer. Mr. Freeman has also reported that some of the members of your church, at the meeting of Presbytery, approached the Rev. Walter Soboleff of the Memorial Church in Juneau as to whether or not he would be interested in becoming the pastor of your church in Ketchikan. We are told that Mr. Soboleff indicated that he would be interested. We would ask your session to have a meeting and do some discussing on this to see what the reaction of the congregation would be. We would ask that you do this more or less confidentially so that no publicity will be given to it, either in Ketchikan or Juneau. We prefer that these things shall be done quietly, lest any undue disturbance be raised in either congregation, but we do want a representative opinion of this possibility. Please give us a report as early as possible.

Miss Arabell Heard

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May 11, 1950

We want to assure the officers of your church that our office and the Rev. R. R. Armstrong in Juneau are interested in the best kind of service which can be secured for you. Do not hesitate to ~~call~~ *call upon* ~~to~~ either one of us for help.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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CC: Rev. R. R. Armstrong

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P.O. Box 1348  
Ketchikan  
Alaska  
May 23, 1950

Dr. J. Earl Jackman  
Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

There has been a misunderstanding about my appointment as clerk of the session. As Mr. Hyde is not a member of the church, one of the elders suggested that I be appointed to take the church offerings to him, and sign all church checks with him. As far as I know, there is no clerk of the session in our church.

Last Sunday, May 21, the session met again; and after quite a bit of discussion agreed that if Mr. Soboleff is willing, the church here will be glad to accept him as their minister.

It is my own personal opinion that due to considerable confusion in church records, and the general attitude of most of the members, that this mission will be a very difficult position for a student pastor. I believe it would be advisable to get Mr. Soboleff as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,



Arabell Heard

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Ketchikan, Chgo Seattle, Washington, JUN 5 1950  
June 1, 1950

Mr. J. Carl Jackson,  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City 10 New York  
Dear Mr. Jackson,

Recently, the officers of our  
Ketchikan Church had a meeting  
to discuss the desirability of having  
Reverend Walter Saboleff come to  
Ketchikan. It was the unanimous  
decision of the group to write you  
that we would like very much  
to have him succeed Reverend Freeman.

I have just arrived in Seattle  
from Alaska, and had the privilege  
of hearing Reverend Saboleff conduct  
a Sunday morning service on the  
S.S. Princess Louise. I also had an  
enjoyable visit with him. The  
very high esteem with which  
Juniata on the steamer, told for  
him, make me more certain  
that we would be fortunate  
indeed if we could get him  
to come to our Church in  
Ketchikan.

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Our Church needs some one like Reverend Scholoff who could help build up our Congregation as he has built up his Church in Jamaica. He seems like such a fine Christian man and I sincerely believe that he would be ideal for our Church.

You will be seeing Reverend Scholoff in the near future, and I would appreciate it if you would speak a "good word" for us.

Respectfully yours,  
(Miss) Margorie Tucker

*Al Side  
Ketchikan Ch Side.*

June 1, 1950

Miss Arabell Heard  
P. O. Box 1348  
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Miss Heard:

Thank you for your letter of May 23 concerning the lack of organization in the session and the reaction of the officers to the possibility of the Rev. Mr. Soboleff becoming the pastor of the church. I have not had the opportunity yet to talk with Mr. Soboleff, but information has come to me that he is not as much interested in this possibility as was previously reported. We are continuing to try to find a good minister for Ketchikan. At the meeting of General Assembly, I had a preliminary conference with a man who expressed his interest. We are following that up and hope to be able to give you definite information later. We have a good many pastorless churches and it is difficult to find people to go to Alaska.

We hope that the officers of the church will have a meeting with Mr. Webster as soon as he arrives and help him in every way possible to get started for the summer. Alaska will be new to him, and you folks who are there can help him a great deal.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Department of Work in Alaska

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July 13, 1950

Box 46

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Mr. Owen has been very busy lately, but  
you have already met him and the four  
of us are very busy with the work we are  
occupying the same time for making of the  
same. I am sure you this is  
one of the reasons we have  
we know, we surely would not have accepted  
the offer of the session. I will tell you  
how we came to Alaska as volunteer workers  
on the "Willis Shank," and met Ed Freeman,  
the pastor of the church. He still serving at  
the church. He was very kind and  
welcoming, and we received many good words from  
Rev. Freeman, knowing the situation, we were  
and asked how if he would come to Ketchikan  
and help with some carpenter work on the church.  
He was very generous and coming to Alaska, had been to  
serve our Lord where needed the most. Mr. Owen  
came to Ketchikan, and worked for a period of

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several weeks, repairing the church cloister, and building cupboards, etc., and the church kitchen. He donated his services free of charge, and paid his own air transportation out and back from Klawock, in order to do this for the church.

At a later date, since severing our connections with the Marine Medical Mission, and Mr. Brown deciding to attend Whitworth College in the fall, we moved to Ketahikan and established our residence with friends, where we planned to stay until we went south. However, while stopping over Saturday afternoon, we met Rev. Freeman on the street and he asked us if we would like to move into the manse for the summer, as the church did not like to have it vacant, and someone should be here to turn the heat on for church activities - look & control the doors, and generally look after the place. We did not give him a definite answer, but he came to visit us the next day and told us that the church session had voted to have us occupy the manse as he had expressed the previous day. As you know, we moved in the day after the Freemans left for the south, and Mrs. Brown has been doing most carpenter work in the church kitchen, even we voted in. He

has built more cupboards, installed a radiator, and still has some more to do upon the request of the Lutesa Missionary Society.

A Mrs. Lovelace was running the Sunday school until shortly after the Freemans left. & then she too left, going to the Aleutians, and Mr. Owen and I held Sunday School until Mr. Webster came on June 11<sup>th</sup>. After Mr. Webster's arrival, we have kept house for him, I have done his laundry and we have asked him for ten dollars a week, to apply on his grocery bill. In consideration of the price of groceries, especially meat - in Alaska - you will no doubt agree that this will hardly cover the cost of the food he eats, and we are charging nothing for other services which we are rendering. Following is a copy of the session minutes of April 30-1950. The portion concerning this arrangement.

"It was moved, seconded, and carried to allow Mr. and Mrs. Owen to use the room as apartments for the summer as return for looking after the building and in payment for carpenter work done by Mr. Owen." Those present at the meeting were, Rev. Freeman, moderator for elders Mrs. Marie Buckley - Joe Johnson - and Frank Williams deacons: Mrs. Beaul Brown, Miss Arabel Head,

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Miss Esther Jackson, Miss Maynard Pauline and  
Miss Emma Williams; trustees George Penatovich  
and Miss Nettie Thompson -".

Mr Owen and I are paying the Public Utilities  
bill, which includes the electricity, church telephone,  
water and garbage disposal, and we have kept  
the man open at all times to accommodate any  
Paralytician wanting to come there. Kitchikan, that  
needed a place to stay, and I assure you we have  
been without guests very little of the time, some  
we have been here.

This is about as thorough a report as I can  
give you. We plan to leave for the south, the 15th  
of August.

We want to hear from you at your own earliest  
convenience concerning this matter for if these  
arrangements are not entirely to your pleasure  
we shall discontinue our residence here at once,  
as we stay in the house, although a very welcome  
opportunity is not a necessity as far as we are  
concerned we appreciate the nice home, but feel that  
we are certainly paying our way and we are anxious  
to know if you feel otherwise.

May I add that we have enjoyed our work in  
Alaska and are obtaining further schooling.

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the states & perhaps be able to return to work  
here.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Rev.  
Prometung.

Please understand that we are not writing in  
a spirit of complaint, but only as an effort  
to get the whole situation straightened out,  
as we certainly do not want any intention,  
as far as long as the cause is concerned,  
misunderstanding. Exactly I should have written  
you long before this, but did not have until  
recently that my position was that.

May we please hear from you concerning  
this matter.

Sincerely

Wm Paul Davis

*at Site  
Ketchikan Ch. manse etc.*

July 21, 1950

Mrs. Paul Owen  
Box 46  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Owen:

Thank you for your statement regarding the arrangements for you and your husband to occupy the Presbyterian manse during the summer. We would heartily approve of them and express our appreciation both for your care of the property and the carpentering work which Paul is doing while you are there.

Our difficulty lay at the point of lack of information on what was involved in the arrangements. The Board of National Missions owns the property and certainly ought to be kept informed of local arrangements. No information came to us from anyone that the manse had been offered to you in compensation for work done. All we knew was that you were there.

I have just returned from an emergency trip to Sitka and had planned to stop overnight at Metlakatla and Ketchikan but was unable to do this because of weather delays at Sitka and Juneau. We regretted this because there would have been an opportunity to talk personally about some of these matters.

May I express to you and your husband our appreciation for your cooperation and service in our work in Southeastern Alaska. A report from the West Coast told of Paul's work at Hydaburg, and now your letter tells of his constructive work on the property at Ketchikan.

We are glad to know that you are contemplating further training at Whitworth and the possibility of service in Alaska. Through your period in the territory you have seen the great need for Christian work there.

Thank you again for your letter.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Department of Work in Alaska

JEJ:AG

cc: Mr. Armstrong  
James Mulholland



# KETCHIKAN SPRUCE MILLS

LUMBER ——— BUILDING MATERIALS

KETCHIKAN · ALASKA

KETCHIKAN  
ANCHORAGE  
FAIRBANKS  
PALMER  
SEATTLE

*ac side  
Ketchikan*

*Chr. M. M. M.*

27 October 1950

Reverend Rolland Armstrong  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Reverend Armstrong:

In reply to your letter received a few days ago, the post office box rental for the church has been paid.

Mr. Dudley and myself had a conversation regarding getting an estimate of the cost of asbestos shingles for the church. I had one of the fellows from our retail yard go over there and make the estimate. He estimates that it would take 42 squares at a cost of \$18.00 each for a total figure of \$756.00. In addition to this, there would probably be as much as \$100.00 worth of materials needed for scaffolding and there is some shiplap, on the garage in particular, that would need to be fastened on before the asbestos shingles could be placed. Also there are some small materials that would be needed around the windows to build them up so that they could take the shingles. I think that materials alone would run approximately \$850.00. I have no idea what the labor would cost; probably more than materials. I cannot go on record of saying exactly how much the Ketchikan Spruce Mills would be willing to donate toward this job, but would say at least \$100.00. I, of course, do not know what funds may be available, but I know that there is no money in the local account at present for this work.

Very truly yours,

*H. R. Hyde*  
H. R. Hyde

HRH/mlb

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Sept 9 - 51

Dr J Earl Jackman  
New York 10 NY

Dear Mr Jackman greetings in the Lords work  
I recived a letter from Rev Shotwell which was  
Very encouraging as he seems very much interested  
in the mission here and was wondering if there would  
be any funds available for living room furniture  
The main as you know it is bare with the exception of  
three chairs and a small table a divan is  
Very much needed also a large chair and  
bedding we probably could get some of the  
members to do a little painting each one  
of us to avoid the students bedding they were  
here this summer so I placed <sup>an</sup> ~~in~~ position  
to you which are facts and we have no  
money to buy these things with any help  
you can give us along this line will be

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Be Very much appreciated I remain Sincerely  
Yours for an early reply as the time is  
Very short

Marie Dudley

September 13, 1951

Mrs. Marie Dudley  
Ketchikan  
Alaska

Dear Mrs. Dudley:

Thank you for your letter concerning the condition of the manse in preparation for the coming of the Shotwell family. The inventory which we have of furniture left in the apartment by the Freemans lists:

- 1 Studio couch without arms
- 1 Over-stuffed chair in blue
- 1 Occasional rocking chair
- 1 Occasional straight chair
- 3 End tables
- 1 Floor lamp
- 1 Rose rug in the dining room
- 1 Rose rug in the living room

We know that the manse has been used by a number of people in the meantime but cannot understand why these articles of furniture are not there. Of course, if they have been taken away from the manse, we will have to face the fact and see about providing other furniture.

Your letter arrived just one day too late to get any action on funds for additional furniture at the September meeting of the Board. The next action would have to be delayed until December. However, we have warned the Shotwells that the living room may not be completely furnished, and we will cooperate the best way we can in helping to supply their needs. The Shotwells are now investigating transportation to get to Ketchikan as near the first of October as possible. We trust that their coming is going to be very helpful to the program of the church.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
JBJ:AG Department of Work in Alaska

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Ketchikan Chdr

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.  
September 10, 1952

VIA AIR MAIL

The Rev. Willis R. Booth  
P.O. Box 3020  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Willis:

Come on Booth and stick your neck out any time you have a suggestion to make. The things which you are suggesting in your letter are things which we have been trying to do.

Ed Davison has asked to be transferred to the Ketchikan Church and we have turned him down from our side of it on the grounds that the Ketchikan Church needs an ordained minister. A copy of my letter on this has been sent to Elwood Hunter as Chairman of National Missions and to Army as the Field Representative. I didn't consult them in advance because I felt that they would agree to it and would take the same position.

It is evident that Ed Davison was rather indiscrete in his approach to the Ketchikan Church. Clayton Shotwell has written about it after cooling off from his return to his field. We have advised him that if he feels a statement should be made on this he should communicate it to the Chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee and the Chairman of National Missions. This is suggested not so much from the standpoint of making a case against him but of making the Presbytery aware of his attitude so that the Presbytery can take this into consideration in its future action regarding him.

When it became evident that the Shotwells would have to leave, we wired Jim Robinson to see if he would be interested in the Ketchikan Church. We were just a week too late because he had accepted the offer of a return to Sheldon Jackson.

We have no immediate prospect for Ketchikan and have told Clayton that we hope his adjustment will allow us some time to be able to find the right person. Meanwhile, a single young man came in this morning who is available for an indefinite period of time and expressed some interest in supplying Ketchikan until we could find someone else. He is thinking in terms of foreign missions but might be available to us for a year or two. We prefer families in our manse but sometimes cannot get our preferences fulfilled.

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John  
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Kindest regards to you and Isabel.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary  
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:KS

cc: The Rev. Elwood B. Hunter; The Rev. R.R. Armstrong  
Dictated by Dr. Jackman;  
signed in his absence.